

DNREC Environmental Crimes Unit K-9 officer apprehends fugitive wanted for assaulting Maryland police officer

NEWARK – A DNREC Natural Resources Police K-9 officer apprehended a man Aug. 9 who fled when Park Rangers sought to question him as a person of interest in a series of recent break-ins at White Clay Creek State Park, and who was later identified as a fugitive accused of assaulting a Maryland police officer.

DNREC Natural Resources Police Park Rangers arrested Jesse J. Planter, 29, no known residence, after he was tracked by a DNREC Natural Resources Police Environmental Crimes Unit K-9 unit for more than a mile through White Clay Creek State Park. Planter surrendered without incident after the K-9 officer located him beneath heavy brush inside the park.

Planter gave false information about his identity when he was taken into custody, but after positive ID was made, DNREC Natural Resources Police learned that he was wanted by the Carroll County, Md. Sheriff's office for assault on a police officer. Planter was charged by DNREC Natural Resources Police Parks Rangers with being a fugitive from another state; criminal impersonation; resisting arrest, and entering or remaining on closed lands without permission, among other charges.

Planter was held at the Howard R. Young Correctional Institution in Wilmington, after waiving extradition to Maryland.

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